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LETTER DATED 24 JUNE 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UGANDA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Reference is drawn to the earlier meeting between you and H.E. Mr. Perezi Karukubiro Kamunanwire regarding the alleged attack on Bunagana.

After consultation with the relevant authorities, we have the honour to inform that Uganda believes that the question of posting United Nations monitors along our border with Zaire does not arise since what is happening in that country is purely an internal matter.

As clearly stated in the Ministry of Defence's statement, Uganda has absolutely nothing to do with what is happening in Zaire and holds the view that baseless claims by any State Member of the United Nations should not warrant contemplating stationing of monitors on common borders.

Once again, we would also like to make our position clear as regards a regional conference convened under the auspices of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (OAU) on the problems of the subregion.

As stated on various occasions, and reiterated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations at the meeting with H.E. Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda, during the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in New York, it is our considered view that the involvement of the United nations and OAU can only come at a later stage. This is a position shared by all countries of the subregion.

In this regard, Uganda is currently actively involved in a regional initiative under the auspices of the facilitators, namely Presidents Carter, Nyerere and Toure. This is still an ongoing process which all concerned wish should be given opportunity to succeed.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Council.

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